appropriate action against the erring employees. Further, Banks have been advised to take appropriate steps for putting in place a suitable contingency plan to deal with the eventuality of a strike, in future.

**Vigilance on use of official stationery**

3211. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the huge wastage of official stationery items in Government offices and the fact that crores of rupees can be saved if a strict vigilance on the use of official stationery is kept;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Expenditure on stationery generally forms part of "office expenses" which is controlled through budgetary ceilings. Ministry of Finance has been from time to time emphasizing the need to observe utmost economy in Government expenditure. Under Rule 64 of the General Financial Rules, the Secretary in-charge of a Ministry/Department is responsible to *inter alia,* ensure control on wasteful expenditure. Beyond this, there are no specific instructions specially covering stationery items. Hence, this is a matter in which individual Ministries/Departments have to take necessary action.

**Disbursal of loans under PMRY to Andhra Pradesh**

3212. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2299, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2006 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not disbursing even 50 per cent of nearly 42,000 applications in 2004-05 and 18,000 in 2005-06 submitted under PMRY during 2004-05 and 2005-2006 (up to December, 2005) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the criteria followed in finalizing the applications;

(c) the amount sanctioned under PMRY to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) the amount utilized during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that as per the latest data available, the disbursal in the State of Andhra Pradesh under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) vis-a-vis applications received for the programme year 2004-05 was 53.92% and for the year 2005-06, it is 44.01 which is likely to go up as the cut off date for the disbursement has been extended upto 31.05.2006. The reasons for the gap between applications received and those actually sanctioned/ disbursed under PMRY in Andhra Pradesh could be as under:

(i) Higher subsidy in State Government sponsored scheme such as "Rajeev Yuvashakthi Scheme" as compared to PMRY.

(ii) Applications are applying for both the schemes and many of them prefer Rajeev Yuvashakthi Scheme.

(iii) Non-feasibility/viability of the projects, saturation of proposed activities in a particular area and applicants being defaulter in earlier schemes.

(b) After receipt of the applications, selected by the Task Force comprising members of District Industries Centre (DIC), select banks, the banks concerned process/sanction the applications based on commercial viability and other criteria. After completion of terms of sanction by the borrowers, actual disbursement is made as per scheduled fixed.

(c) and (d) As per report of RBI the amount sanctioned and disbursed under PMRY in Andhra Pradesh during last five years is as under:—

*(Rs. in lakh)*

| Year | Sanction | Disbursment |
|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 8979.81 | 6319.71 |
| 2002-03 | 9224.40 | 7934.49 |
| 2003-04 | 14472.90 | 11125.44 |
| 2004-05 | 17556.36 | 14718.59 |
| 2005-06 | 10581.28 | 7300.53 |